

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Independence **Planning Commission** at 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2016, in the Independence City Hall Council Chambers (lower level, north entrance), 111 E. Maple Avenue, in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri to consider and receive comment on an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH).

The Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) is a legal requirement that the City must complete in order to continue receiving federal housing and community development funding from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Specifically, the AFH is a study undertaken pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5.154 that includes an analysis of fair housing data, an assessment of fair housing issues and contributing factors, and an identification of fair housing priorities and goals specific to Independence and the region. Examples of fair housing issues include regional demographics, segregation, racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, access to opportunity, disproportionate housing need, publicly supported housing, access to persons with disabilities, and fair housing enforcement and outreach capacity.

The hearing will also open a 30 day public display period during which a draft copy of the AFH will be available for public inspection and comment. Copies of the document will be available beginning August 24 and ending September 22 in the Community Development Department, City Hall, 111 E. Maple, during regular business hours, at Independence public library locations, and online at <http://www.ci.independence.mo.us/ComDev/FairHousing> . Written comments regarding the AFH may be submitted to Christina Leakey at cleakey@indepmo.org or 111 E. Maple Independence, Missouri 64050. All written comments received by September 22, 2016 will be addressed in the final AFH.

If accommodations are required to accommodate a disability, limited English proficiency, or other special need, please contact Christina Leakey at 816.325.7397 at least three working days in advance of the hearing. Si se requiere ayuda por falta de hablar el idioma inglés ó por alguna otra razón en especial, póngase en contacto con Christina Leakey al (816) 325-7397 ó al correo electrónico cleakey@indepmo.org.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of August, 2016.

Tom Scannell

Community Development Director

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